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NEW SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS SETS FIRST MEETING

EFFORT TO GATHER INFORMATION ON NEW HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFF SYSTEM

Members of the newly-created Senate Select Committee on High School Interscholastic Athletics will hold their first meeting Tuesday, March 5, 2013 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the John J. Hainkel Briefing Room at the State Capitol. The lawmakers want to know more about the recent decision by the Louisiana High School Athletic Association to adopt a two-tiered high school football playoff system which separates public and private schools with select admissions into one group and non-select admissions public schools into another.

As Senator Page Cortez, chairman of the new select committee, explained, "Legislators across the state are getting lots of questions from parents and student athletes regarding the new football playoff system. There are questions about how the system will be implemented and how they and their school programs might be impacted. Through the Senate Select Committee on High School Interscholastic Athletics, we hope to get the answers we need to be able to respond to questions from our constituents and to maintain an on-going dialogue with the Louisiana High School Athletic Association about the playoff system and other issues."

In addition to Sen. Cortez, the members of the Senate Select Committee on High School Interscholastic Athletics are Sen. Conrad Appel who will serve as vice-chairman, Sen. Sharon Weston Broome, Sen. Dan Claitor, Sen. Ronnie Johns, Sen. Barrow Peacock, and Sen. Mike Walsworth. The select committee will meet jointly with the Subcommittee on High School Interscholastic Athletics of the House Committee on Education.

The Louisiana High School Athletic Association approved the new high school football playoff system, known as Proposition 18, at the association's annual convention held in late January.

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